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VOCABULARY WORD OF THE DAY 2011/2012
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Word Part for the week of August 29, 2011

FID (fidel)

Derived from Latin

Definition: faith, trust

- 8/29/11 **BONA FIDE** (Adj)-bo-ne-fid-**Made or carried out in good faith; genuine**
The businessman made a **bona fide** offer to purchase the restaurant.
- 8/30/11 **CONFIDENTIAL**(Adj)-kan-fe-den-shel-**Communicated in trust; secret; private**
Counselors take careful notes of their meetings with young people and these are rightly kept entirely **confidential**.
- 8/31/11 **INFIDEL** (Noun)-in-fe-del-**One who does not accept a particular faith; unbeliever**
The **infidels** were sentenced to life in prison.
- 9/1/11 **FIDUCIARY** (Adj)-fe-d-u-she-er-e-**Held in trust; confidential**
Congress has not done a very good job of exercising its **fiduciary** responsibilities to taxpayers.
- 9/2/11 **CONFIDENCE** (Noun)- kon-fi-duh ns-**The mental attitude of trusting in or relying on a person or thing; firm trust, reliance, faith**
We have every **confidence** in their ability to succeed.

Word Part for the week of September 5, 2011

DYS

Derived from Greek

Definition: bad, ill or difficult

- 9/5/11 **NO SCHOOL**
- 9/6/11 **DYSANIA** (Noun)-dis-AY-nee-uh **Difficulty in getting up in the morning**
Many students suffer from **dysania** the first few weeks back to school.
- 9/7/11 **DYSLOGISTIC** (Adj)-dis-le-jis-tik-**expressing disapproval or censure**
She used **dyslogistic** terms like “nitwit” and “dimwit” to describe her older brother to her close friends.
- 9/8/11 **DYSPHAGIA** (Noun)- dis-fey-juh - **difficulty in swallowing**
Some signs and symptoms of **dysphagia** include difficulty controlling food in the mouth, inability to control food or saliva in the mouth, and difficulty initiating a swallow.
- 9/9/11 **DYSTOPIA** (Noun)-_dis-to-pe-a-**Imaginary place where living conditions are dreadful**
In the science fiction novel *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, the main character Katniss Everdeen lives in a **dystopia** of the future.

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Word Part for the week of September 12, 2011

French Words in English
Terms for Persons

- 9/12/11 **BOURGEOISIE** (Noun)-burzh-wa-ze-**The middle class**
A strong bourgeoisie contributes to a nation's prosperity.
- 9/13/11 **CONNOISSEUR** (Noun)-ka-ne-ser- **Expert; critical judge**
A connoisseur of rare diamonds has verified the gem's value.
- 9/14/11 **DEBUTANTE** (Noun)-de-byu-tant- **A young woman making her debut into society**
The debutante's photograph was at the head of the society page.
- 9/15/11 **ENVOY** (Noun)-en-voi-**Diplomatic agent or messenger**
The U.S. government has many envoys, as do other countries and many organizations and businesses.
- 9/16/11 **VALET** (Noun)-va-let-**A manservant who attends to the personal needs of his employer**
The valet brushed the duke's formal clothes before the black tie event.

Word Part for the week of September 18, 2011

LOGY

Derived from Greek

Definition: science, study account

- 9/19/11 **ANTHROPOLOGY** (Noun)-an-thre-pa-le-je-**Science dealing with the origin, races, customs and beliefs of humankind**
Forensic anthropology can establish first whether remains are human or animal.
- 9/20/11 **CARDIOLOGY** (Noun)-kar-de-a-le-je-**Science dealing with the action and diseases of the heart**
In the past, devices used in the field of cardiology primarily addressed irregular heart rhythms.
- 9/21/11 **GENEALOGY** (Noun)-je-ne-a-le-je-**Account of the descent of a person or family from an ancestor**
Your genealogy is the story of your ancestry, sometimes referred to as your family tree.
- 9/22/11 **PSYCHOLOGY** (Noun)-si-ka-le-je-**Science of the mind**
Marketers use the psychology of consumer behavior to sell you things you don't need.
- 9/23/11 **CRIMINOLOGY** (Noun)-kri-me-na-le-je-**Scientific study of crimes and criminals**

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If you watch CSI and CSI-Miama on television, you are watching criminology at work.

Word Part for the week of September 26, 2011

BIO

Derived from Greek

Definition: life

- 9/26/11 **BIODEGRADABLE**-(Adj)-bi-o-di-gra-de-bel-**Capable of being readily decomposed into harmless substances by microorganisms**
A plastic bottle is the antithesis of biodegradable — it will be there forever.
- 9/27/11 **BIOSPHERE**-(Noun)- bahy-uh-sfeer - **The regions of the surface and atmosphere of the Earth (or other planet) where living organisms exist**
A biosphere is a place where organisms live.
- 9/28/11 **WOD TEST #1**
- 9/29/11 **NO SCHOOL**
- 9/30/11 **WOD TEST #1**

Word Part for the week of October 3, 2011

Spanish words in English

- 10/3/11 **CARGO** -(Noun)- kar-go- **Goods transported by a ship, plane, etc; freight**
On a ship, cargo is stacked up in huge, colorful metal containers.
- 10/4/11 **STAMPEDE**-(Noun)-stam-ped- **Sudden, wild headlong rush (as of cattle or people)**
During the holidays, desperate parents stampede the mall, especially the toy stores.
- 10/5/11 **PONCHO**-(Noun)-pan-cho- **Blanket-like cloak with a slit in the middle for the head**
We purchased ponchos before we went camping.
- 10/6/11 **CABANA**-(Noun)-ke-ban-ye- **Cabin-like shelter at a beach or pool.**
This past summer we build a cabana in our backyard.
- 10/7/11 **CANYON**- (Noun)-kan-yen- **Deep narrow valley with steep walls, often with water flowing through it**
Seeing the canyon for the first time is an astounding experience, one that's hard to wrap your head around.

Word Part for the week of October 10, 2011

HYPHER

Derived from Greek

Definition: over, above, beyond the ordinary

- 10/10/11 **HYPERGLYCEMIA**- (Noun)-hi-per-gli-se-me-a-**Excess of sugar in the blood**
Hyperglycemia can be a serious problem if not treated in time.

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- 10/11/11 **HYPERTENSION**-(Noun)-hi-per-ten-shen- **Abnormally high blood pressure**
With hypertension, your blood pressure is abnormally high, causing a strain on your blood vessels. This condition can result in serious health problems, such as heart attack and stroke.
- 10/12/11 **HYPERTHERMIA**- (Noun)-hi-per-ther-me-a- **Especially high fever**
Mild hyperthermia caused by exertion on a hot day might be adequately treated through self-care measures, such as drinking water and resting in a cool place.
- 10/13/11 **HYPERCRITICAL**- (Adj)- hi-per-kri-ti-kel-**Overcritical**
Someone who is hypercritical puts too much energy into criticizing and judging.
- 10/14/11 **HYPEROPIA**-(Noun)-hi-pe-ro-pe-a- **Farsightedness**
People with hyperopia can usually see distant objects well, but have trouble focusing on nearby objects.

Word Part for the week of October 17, 2011

VERT(VERS)

Derived from Latin

Definition: to turn

- 10/17/11 **VERSATILE**-(Adj.)- vur-suh-t - **turning with ease from one thing to another**
In E.B. White's classic children's book *Charlotte's Web*, Charlotte the spider tells Wilbur the pig that she is versatile.
- 10/18/11 **VERTIGO**-(Noun)-ver-ti-go-**Condition in which one feels that one's surroundings are turning about; dizziness**
If you're standing still but the room is inexplicably spinning, you might want to let someone know you're suffering from vertigo.
- 10/19/11 **AVERSION**-(Noun)- uh-vur-zuh n-**Feeling of repugnance toward something with a desire to turn away from it**
His pet aversion is guests who are always late.
- 10/20/11 **DIVERT**-(V.)- de-vert- **Shift or turn from one thing to another**
A magician might attempt to divert your attention as he shoves the rabbit into the hat.
- 10/21/11 **AVERT**-(V.)-uh-vert- **Turn away or to prevent**
They averted their eyes when the King entered the foyer.

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Word Part for the week of October 24, 2011

VIV

Derived from Latin

Definition: live, alive

- 10/24/11 **VIVARIUM-** (Noun)-vahy-vair-ee-uh m- **A place, such as a laboratory, where live animals or plants are kept under conditions simulating their natural environment, as for research.**
The floor of a vivarium must have sufficient surface area for the species living inside.
- 10/25/11 **VIVACITY-**(Noun)-_vi-vas-i-tee-**Liveliness of spirit**
If you don't have much vivacity, don't become a motivational speaker.
- 10/26/11 **VIVID-**(Adj.)-vi-ved-**Having the vigor and spirit of life, sharp clear; graphic**
Sometimes you have a vivid dream that feels so real that even when you wake up, you can't tell if the dream is really over.
- 10/27/11 **SURVIVOR** –(Noun)- **One who lives through affliction**
The survivors of the fire were taken to a nearby hospital.
- 10/28/11 **NO SCHOOL EMPLOYEE PLANNING**

Word Part for the week of October 31, 2011

TRIB

Derived from Latin

Definition: to pay or bestow

- 10/31/11 **TRIBUTE-** (Noun)- trib-yoot- **A gift, testimonial, compliment, or the like, given as due or in acknowledgment of gratitude or esteem**
The concert was a tribute to the musician.
- 11/1/11 **RETRIBUTION-**(Noun)-_re-truh-byoo-shuh n- **Requital according to merits or deserts, especially for evil**
The old punishment code of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," is an example of retribution.
- 11/2/11 **CONTRIBUTE-** (Noun)- kuh n-trib-yoot-**Bestow a quality on**
When you contribute to a cause, you are adding to what other people have kicked in, which makes the effort complete.
- 11/3/11 **WOD TEST #2**
- 11/4/11 **WOD TEST #2**

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Word Part for the week of November 7, 2011

FLECT (FLEX)

Derived from Latin

Definition: bend

- 11/7/11 **INFLECTION**-(Noun)- in-flek-shen-**Change in the pitch or tone of a person's voice**
She read the lines of the play with an rising inflection.
- 11/8/11 **REFLECT**-(V)- ri-fleckt- **To throw or bend back (from a surface)**
Sound is **reflected** well in this auditorium.
- 11/9/11 **FLEXIOUS**-(Adj)-flek-shoo-uh s- **Bending or winding alternately from side to side**
The last leg of the trail is a flexuous path leading up the mountain to a spectacular panoramic view of the valley.
- 11/10/11 **FLEXOR** – (Noun)- flek-ser **A skeletal muscle whose contraction bends a joint**
In human anatomy, the hip flexors are a group of skeletal muscles.
- 11/11/11 **NO SCHOOL**

Word Part for the week of November 14, 2011

PED

Derived from Latin

Definition: foot

- 11/14/11 **PEDESTRIAN**-(Adj.-) pe-des-tre-en- **Person traveling on foot**
Due to construction, the roads surrounding the are closed to pedestrians.
- 11/15/11 **PEDESTAL**-(Noun)-ps-des-tl- **Support or foot of a column or statue; foundation**
The 170-ton statue of Abraham Lincoln includes an 11 foot high pedestal.
- 11/16/11 **MILLIPEDE**-(Noun)-mi-le-ped- **Thousand-legged creature; wormlike animal with two pairs of legs on most of its segments**
In digging a garden a number of little animals are found, such as earthworms, beetles, ants, centipedes, millipedes and others.
- 11/17/11 **PEDOMETER**-(Noun)-puh-dom-i-ter- **A device that measures the distance a person travels by walking**
The company last year embarked on a program that paid employees to wear pedometers and get paid for walking.
- 11/18/11 **BIPED**-(Noun)-bi-ped-**A two-footed animal**
An ostrich is one of the fastest of living bipeds.

Word Part for the week of November 21, 2011

TEN (TIN,TENT)

Derived from Latin

Definition: hold, keep

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- 11/21/11 **TENACIOUS**-(Adj.)-tuh-ney-shuh s- **Holding fast; characterized by keeping a firm hold; holding together firmly**
The basketball commentator Marv Albert, impressed by a defender's skill, once uttered the sound bite, "That's some tenacious Defense!
- 11/22/11 **PERTINACIOUS**-(Adj)-per-ten-a-shes- **Holding firmly to a purpose or opinion; very persistent**
If a Girl Scout is a pertinacious salesperson you might buy fifty boxes of Thin Mints when you only wanted one.
- 11/23/11 **NO SCHOOL**
- 11/24/11 **NO SCHOOL**
- 11/25/11 **NO SCHOOL**

Word Part for the week of November 28, 2011

JECT

Derived from Latin

Definition: throw, cast

- 11/28/11 **EJECT**-(V)-e-jekt-**Throw out; expel; evict**
Penalized players are subject to being ejected from the game for flagrant fouls.
- 11/29/11 **INJECT**-(V)- in-jekt-**Force or drive (a fluid or gas) into by piercing**
As a precaution against the swine flu virus, hundreds of people opted to be injected with the vaccine.
- 11/30/11 **PROJECT** -(V)-pre-jekt-**Thrust or throw forward**
You need to project your voice better if you want to be an actor.
- 12/1/11 **REJECT**-(V)-ri-jekt-**Discard, throw back; refuse to take**
The college recruits reminded the audience to double check our applications for completion before we submit them because; many colleges reject hundreds of incomplete applicants each year.
- 12/2/11 **OBJECT**-(V)-ob-jekt- **-Protest; throw against; disapprove**
Many people object to the amount of violence on television.

Word Part for the week of December 5, 2011

FRENCH WORDS IN ENGLISH

- 12/5/11 **CUL-DE-SAC**-(Noun)-kel-di-sak-**Blind alley; dead end**
Our house is located on a quiet cul-de-sac.
- 12/6/11 **DEBACLE**-(Noun)-di-ba-kel-**Collapse; disaster; overthrow; fiasco**
After the debacle of his first novel, he had trouble getting a publisher for his next book.

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- 12/7/11 **IMPASSE**-(Noun)-im-pas-**Deadlock; predicament with no obvious way out**
The President's appearance in the White House briefing room was intended to focus on efforts to break a budget impasse in the U.S.
- 12/8/11 **LIAISON**-(Noun)-le-e-zan-**Bond; linking up; coordination of activities; person who establishes and maintains this connections**
She acts as a liaison between the police department and city schools.
- 12/9/11 **MIRAGE**-(Noun)-me-razh-**Optical Illusion**
A mirage is created when light is distorted by layers of hot air.

Word Part for the week of December 12, 2011

CUR (CURR, CURS)

Derived from Latin

Definition: run

- 12/12/11 **CURSIVE**-(Adj)-ker-siv-**Running or flowing**
When the third-grade students learned ursive writing, they were excited to find that they could write entire words without lifting their pencil from the paper.
- 12/13/11 **INCURSION**-(Noun)-in-ker-zhen-**Rushing into; hostile invasion; raid**
When an army crosses a border into another country for battle, they are making an incursion into enemy territory.
- 12/14/11 **RECUR**-(V)-ri-ker-**Happen again**
Recurring dreams are quite common and are often triggered by a certain life situation, transitional phase in life or a problem that keeps coming back again and again.

12/15/11 **WOD TEST #3**

12/16/11 **WOD TEST #3**

December 19, 2011-December 30, 2011

Winter Break-No School

Word Part for the week of January 2, 2012

STRING (STRIC)

Derived from Latin

Definition: bind; draw tight

- 1/2/12 **BOA CONSTRICTOR**-(Noun)-bo-a-ken-strik-ter-**Snake that "constricts" or crushes its prey in its coils**
Boa constrictors are ambush predators and as such will often lie in wait for an appropriate prey to come along at which point they will attack.

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- 1/3/12 **CONSTRIC**T-(V)-ken-strikt-Draw together; shrink
Her shoes are too small and constrict her feet.
- 1/4/12 **STRICTURE**-(Noun)-striker-cher-Adverse criticism literally “tightening”; censure;
restriction
The reviewer made several strictures about the author's style of writing.
- 1/5/12 **UNRESTRICTED**-(Adj)-en-ri-strikt-ted-**Not confined within bounds; free**
When I graduated from college, my grandparents purchased me an unrestricted ticket
allowing me to visit them at any time.
- 1/6/12 **STRICT**-(Adj)-strikt- **Strict- stringently enforced**
If your math teacher is strict, it means that he expects his rules to be followed to the
letter.

Word Part for the week of January 9, 2012

CLAM (CLAIM)

Derived from Latin

Definition: to shout or to cry out

- 1/9/12 **ACCLAIM**- (Verb.)-uh-kleym- **To enthusiastically praise or acknowledge; shout for
or shout in favor of**
The restaurant is acclaimed for its decadent desserts.
- 1/10/12 **EXCLAMATION**-(Verb.) - ek-skluh-mey-shuh n- **A sharp cry of strong feeling**
The students exclaimed "hurray" when they heard there would be no classes tomorrow.
- 1/11/12 **CLAMOR**-(Noun)- klam-er- **Loud and persistent outcry from many people**
The children clamored for more ice cream.
- 1/12/12 **PROCLAMATION**-(Noun)-_prok-luh-mey-shuh n- **State or announce**
The president of the university proclaimed March 21 to be a holiday in honor of the
school's award winning faculty.
- 1/13/12 **DECLAIM**-(Verb)- dih-kleym- **To speak aloud in an oratorical manner; make a
formal speech**
The actress declaimed the last lines of the play with passion.

Word Part for the week of January 16, 2012

TERRA

Derived from Latin

Definition: earth

- 1/16/12 **NO SCHOOL**
- 1/17/12 **TERRAIN**-(Noun)-tuh-reyn- **A piece of ground having specific characteristics or
military potential**
The soldiers reported that often radio reception is difficult in mountainous terrain.

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- 1/18/12 **TERRITORY**-(Noun) ter-i-tawr-ee- **The geographical area under the jurisdiction of a sovereign state; a region marked off for administrative or other purposes**
Puerto Rico, officially the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is an unincorporated **territory** of the United States.
- 1/19/12 **TERRARIUM** -(Noun) tuh-rair-ee-uh m- **A glass or plastic box that is used for growing plants or keeping small animals indoors**
Fish bowls, small fish tanks, and large bottles, are often utilized as containers for **terrariums**.
- 1/20/12 **NO SCHOOL**

Word Part for the week of January 16, 2012

CURA

Derived from Latin

Definition: to care

- 1/23/12 **WOD TEST #4**
- 1/24/12 **WOD TEST #4**
- 1/25/12 **CURATOR**-(Noun)- kyoo-rey-ter- **One who has the care and supervision of something; one in charge of a museum, zoo, or other place of exhibit**
A **curator** is the person who gives the overall shape and feel to an art exhibit.
- 1/26/12 **CURATIVE**-(Adj)- kyoor-uh-tiv- **Serving to cure or heal; pertaining to curing or remedial treatment**
During the mid 1800's, the tomato was considered a **curative** for almost every major illness.
- 1/27/12 **INCURABLE**-(Adj)- in-kyoor-uh-buh- **Not curable; that cannot be cured**
His test revealed that he had a serious, **incurable** inherited disease.